

### **REMARKS**

#### ***Status of Claims***

Claims 6, 9-12, 18, 19, 21-27, 29, 38, 45-48, 50, 52-64, 66-71, and 73-81 are pending. Claims 73-75 are amended herein. Claims 6, 9-12, 18, 19, 21-27, 29, 38, 45-48, 50, 52-64, 66-71, and 76-81 are cancelled herein without prejudice.

All claims find support in the specification as originally filed. No new matter is introduced.

Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce cancelled subject matter, for example, in a later-filed continuing application.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

The Office states that claims 73-75 "would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." Office Action at page 5, lines 4-7.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for pointing out that claims 73-75 are allowable. Accordingly, in order to expedite allowance/issuance of claims 73-75, by the present amendment, claims 6, 9-12, 18, 19, 21-27, 29, 38, 45-48, 50, 52-64, 66-71, and 76-81 are cancelled; and claims 73-75 are amended to be rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim.

#### ***Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph is Rendered Moot***

The Office rejected claims 6, 9-11, 18, 19, 21, 38, 52-54, 56-59, 69-71, and 76-81 as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Office action at pages 2-5.

By the present amendment, claims 6, 9-11, 18, 19, 21, 38, 52-54, 56-59, 69-71, and 76-81 are cancelled. The cancellation of claims 6, 9-11, 18, 19, 21, 38, 52-54, 56-59, 69-71, and 76-81 is made solely for the purpose of expediting prosecution and should not otherwise be construed as acquiescence with the Office's position. Accordingly, the rejection is rendered moot; and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

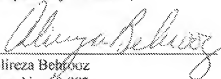
**CONCLUSIONS**

Applicants believe that all rejections have been rendered moot and that claims 73-75 are in condition for immediate allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 857-4507 with any question she may have concerning this submission.

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